

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a work session on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 in the Library Conference Room of the Townsend Building, Dover, Delaware.

Present were: Dr. Teri Quinn Gray, President; Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr., Randall L. Hughes, II, Barbara B. Rutt, Dr. Terry M. Whittaker, and Mark Murphy, Executive Secretary to the State Board of Education and Secretary of Education. Donna R. Johnson, State Board Executive Director, was also in attendance. Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General and legal counsel for the State Board, also attended.

President Gray called the work session to order at 10:05 a.m.

2012 DCAS State Summary Report

Dr. Michael Stetter, Director Accountability Resources, presented the new format and content of the 2012 DCAS State Summary Report. The printed documents are being eliminated and more options will be available with the online report. Dr. Stetter stated that the website is not interactive but the Board received a demonstration of the information that will be available and how the results can be aggregated. The Board asked about the quality control process and Dr. Stetter explained that with DCAS scores teachers receive information within 48 hours but this information has not been validated as it is prior to the school accountability ratings. The Board also inquired about using the data to determine which schools are narrowing the achievement gap.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to amend the work session agenda for a brief executive session to discuss pending and potential litigation with its legal counsel, Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Melendez	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	

A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker for the State Board to enter into executive session to discuss pending and potential litigation with its legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Coverdale and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Melendez	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	

The Board entered Executive Session at 10:26 a.m. A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried with the following vote recorded:

Ayes:	Nays:
Dr. Gray	None.
Mr. Coverdale	
Mr. Hughes	
Mr. Melendez	
Mrs. Rutt	
Dr. Whittaker	

The Board returned to open session at 11:03 a.m.

Charter Regulation and Update on Charter Performance Framework

John Carwell, Education Associate for Charter Schools, joined the work session for this discussion. Ms. Johnson provided a brief overview on the charter performance framework that will be used for charter school renewals and major modifications. The framework focuses on academic performance, organizational performance and financial performance. Ms. Johnson updated the Board on the meetings and webinars with charter schools and stakeholders.

Ms. Johnson highlighted the proposed changes to Regulation 275, Charter Schools. It was noted that the definition section was significantly revised. There was discussion on the definition of the performance agreement and changes to the definition of record for renewals and modifications.

The Board discussed public outreach and communication efforts on these changes and the performance framework. The performance framework is separate from the regulations and will be used as a tool for those regulations. It is hoped that the framework would be in effect by the beginning of 2013. The regulations are on the Board's June regular meeting agenda for discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to adjourn the work session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rutt and carried unanimously. The work session adjourned at 12:25 p.m.